

1     CLAIM LISTING

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3     1.     (Currently Amended) A method of ~~providing a predetermined-prize bonus round in a~~  
4     ~~game, the method including the steps of:~~

5     (a)     obtaining a game play result for a player in response to a game play request in a  
6     game, the game play result being associated with a prize value and being obtained  
7     independently of play in a bonus round for the game;

8     ([[a]] b)     associating a ~~respective game player's~~ the game play result with a  
9     ~~predetermined-prize~~ the bonus round, ~~wherein the predetermined prize of~~  
10    ~~the bonus round is determined by the game play result, and the game play~~  
11    ~~result is determined independently of the bonus round;~~

12    ([[b]] c)     after the game play request in the game, enabling the player to play the  
13    bonus round by presenting the game player with a number of selection  
14    options from which to choose ~~during the predetermined-prize bonus round~~  
15    and enabling the player to make a selection from among the selection  
16    options;

17    ([[c]] d)     concealing the ~~game play result prize value~~ from the ~~game~~ player during  
18    the ~~predetermined-prize~~ bonus round until the ~~game~~ player makes the  
19    selection ~~selects one of the selection options; and~~

20    ([[d]] e)     in response to the selection, displaying the game play result prize value to  
21    the ~~game~~ player as a result for play of the bonus round ~~in response to the~~  
22    ~~game player's selection of any one of the number of selection options.~~

1       2.     (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further including ~~the step of~~ obtaining an  
2             additional game play result for the player in response to an additional game play request  
3             in the game, the additional game play result comprising a non-bonus round game play  
4             result and being associated with a respective prize value, and also including responding to  
5             the ~~receipt of~~ a non-bonus round game play result by displaying to the player the  
6             respective prize value associated with the non-bonus round game play result ~~to the game~~  
7             ~~player~~, the non-bonus round game play result not being associated with the  
8             ~~predetermined-prize~~ bonus round.

10       3.     (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the game comprises a bingo-type game and the  
11             game play result includes a bingo card pattern.

13       4.     (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein ~~the step of~~ associating the game  
14             play result with the ~~predetermined-prize~~ bonus round is performed in response to a  
15             random event.

17       5.     (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein ~~the step of~~ associating the game  
18             play result with the ~~predetermined-prize~~ bonus round is performed in response to a  
19             predetermined event.

21       6.     (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein ~~the step of~~ associating the game  
22             play result with the ~~predetermined-prize~~ bonus round is performed according to a

1 predetermined relationship between the game play result and the ~~predetermined-prize~~  
2 bonus round.

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4 7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein:

5 (a) ~~the step of~~ presenting the ~~game~~ player with the number of selection options from  
6 which to choose during the ~~predetermined-prize~~ bonus round includes ~~the step of~~  
7 presenting a graphical depiction of a number of objects ~~from which to select, and~~  
8 where the selection identifies a respective one of the objects; and

9 (b) ~~the step of~~ displaying the ~~game play result~~ prize value to the ~~game~~ player includes  
10 displaying a graphical depiction in which the ~~game play result~~ prize value is  
11 ~~revealed~~ displayed in connection with the respective one of the objects ~~selected~~  
12 ~~object~~ in response to the ~~game player's selection of the selected object.~~

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14 8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein:

15 (a) ~~the step of~~ presenting the ~~game~~ player with the number of selection options from  
16 which to choose during the ~~predetermined-prize~~ bonus round includes ~~the step of~~  
17 presenting a graphical depiction of a number of objects representing respective  
18 participants in a contest; and

19 (b) ~~the step of~~ displaying the ~~game play result~~ prize value to the ~~game~~ player includes  
20 presenting a graphical depiction of an outcome of the contest responsive to  
21 ~~receiving~~ the ~~game player's~~ selection.  
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1 9. (Currently Amended) A system ~~for providing a predetermined-prize bonus round in a~~  
2 ~~game, the system~~ including:

3 (a) a player station being operable to generate a game play request in a game in  
4 response to an input by a respective player, the player station including a display  
5 device;

6 (b) a game server operable to ~~identify~~ obtain a game play result for the game play  
7 request, the game play result being associated with a prize value and being  
8 determined independently of the play in a bonus round for the game and a  
9 ~~predetermined prize of the bonus round being determined by the game play result;~~  
10 and

11 (c) a display controller for enabling the player to play the bonus round after the game  
12 play request by causing the display device to present the game player with a  
13 number of selection options from which to choose and to enable the player to  
14 make a selection from among the selection options during the predetermined-prize  
15 ~~bonus round associated with the game play result, the display controller also for~~  
16 causing the display device to conceal the game play result prize value from the  
17 game player during the predetermined-prize bonus round until the game player  
18 ~~chooses one of~~ makes the selection options, and to display the game play result  
19 prize value to the game player as a result for play of the bonus round in response  
20 to the game player's selection of any one of the number of selection options.  
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- 1 10. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 9 further including a bonus association  
2 controller for associating the game play result with the ~~predetermined-prize~~ bonus round.  
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- 4 11. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 10 wherein the bonus association controller  
5 associates the game play result with the ~~predetermined-prize~~ bonus round in response to a  
6 random event.  
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- 8 12. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 10 wherein the bonus association controller  
9 associates the game play result with the ~~predetermined-prize~~ bonus round in response to a  
10 predetermined event.  
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- 12 13. (Original) The system of claim 10 wherein the bonus association controller is located  
13 with the game server.  
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- 15 14. (Original) The system of claim 10 wherein the bonus association controller is located  
16 with the player station.  
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- 18 15. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 9 wherein the display controller presents the  
19 ~~game~~ player with the number of selection options by presenting a graphical depiction of a  
20 number of objects, and wherein the player station responds to the ~~game player's~~ selection  
21 by presenting a graphical depiction in which the ~~game play result~~ prize value is ~~revealed~~

1 displayed in connection with the selected object one of the objects which is identified by  
2 the selection.

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4 16. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 9 wherein the display controller presents the  
5 ~~game~~ player with the number of selection options by presenting a graphical depiction of a  
6 number of objects representing respective participants in a contest, and wherein the player  
7 station responds to the ~~game player's~~ selection by presenting a graphical depiction of an  
8 outcome of the contest.

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10 17. (Original) The system of claim 9 wherein the display controller is also operable to cause  
11 the display device to display a non-bonus game play result to the game player in response  
12 to the receipt of the non-bonus game play result.

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14 18. (Currently Amended) A program product for communicating a game play result to a  
15 ~~game player, the game play result being associated with a bonus round and with a prize~~  
16 ~~value, and being obtained in response to a game play request in a game independently of~~  
17 ~~play in the bonus round for the game,~~ the program product being stored on a computer  
18 readable medium and including:

19 (a) selection option display program code for enabling the player to play the bonus  
20 round in response to the responding to a game play result associated with a  
21 predetermined-prize bonus round by causing a player display device to present the  
22 ~~game~~ player with a number of selection options from which to choose and by

1           ~~enabling the player to make a selection from among the selection options, wherein~~  
2           ~~the predetermined prize of the bonus round is determined by the game play result,~~  
3           ~~and the game play result is determined independently of the bonus round; and~~  
4           (b)   bonus round display program code for causing the player display device to display  
5           the prize value associated with the game play result to the game player in response  
6           to the game player's selection of any one of the number of selection options, the  
7           prize value associated with the game play result being displayed as a result for the  
8           play of the bonus round.  
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10   19.   Canceled

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12   20.   (Currently Amended) The program product of claim 18 further including bonus round  
13           associating program code for associating the game play result with the  
14           ~~predetermined-prize bonus round to categorize the game play result as the game play~~  
15           ~~result predetermined prize of the bonus round.~~  
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17   21.   (Currently Amended) The program product of claim 18 wherein the bonus round  
18           associating program code associates the game play result with the ~~predetermined-prize~~  
19           bonus round in response to an event unrelated to the game play result.  
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21   22.   (Currently Amended) The program product of claim 18 wherein the selection option  
22           display program code causes the player display device to present a graphical depiction of

1 a number of objects from which the ~~game~~ player selects, and wherein the bonus round  
2 display program code causes the player display device to present a graphical depiction in  
3 which the ~~game play result is revealed~~ prize value is displayed in connection with a  
4 respective one of the objects and the selection identifies the respective one of the objects  
5 ~~in response to the game player's selection of the respective object.~~

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- 7 23. (Currently Amended) The program product of ~~claim 18~~ claim 18 wherein the selection  
8 option display program code causes the player display device to present a graphical  
9 depiction of a number of contestants from which the ~~game~~ player selects, and wherein the  
10 bonus round result display program code causes the player display device to present a  
11 graphical depiction in which the ~~game play result is revealed as~~ the prize value is  
12 displayed in connection with an outcome of a contest between the number of contestants  
13 ~~in response to the game player's~~ and wherein the selection of identifies a respective one of  
14 the contestants.